GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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FUNDS ALLOCATION TO ASI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India is facing resource crunch for maintaining existing monuments as well as for undertaking protection of new sites;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the funds allocated to ASI during the last three years; and

(c) the measures adopted to generate additional financial resources for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) The funds made available to the Archaeological Survey of India are not commensurate with its multifarious activities and responsibilities. The allocation of funds to the Archaeological Survey of India for the last three years is as under:

1998-99 Rs.8963.33 lakhs
1999-2000 Rs.10321.77 lakhs
2000-2001 Rs.11649.31 lakhs

(c) Various agencies such as UNESCO, State Governments and its autonomous bodies have given funds for the development of specific monuments. Funds have also been received from corporate sector for this purpose through the National Culture Fund.But these funds are inadequate.